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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, I was unavoidably delayed and thus missed rollcall vote No. 189. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea," to pass H.R. 1000, the Pension Security Act of 2003.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAMUEL J. TILDEN DEMOCRATIC CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. In the past half-century, the organization has consistently led its community in discussing, addressing, and resolving important political issues.

Since 1953, when a group of Democrats became fed up with Tammany Hall and turned to the notion of an open political forum for inspiration, Tilden has prided itself on its diverse membership and progressive views. Tilden members represent a cross-section of the constituency, and the diversity of opinion makes the club a driving force and leader of the community. Tilden embraces the philosophical principles of Eleanor Roosevelt and Herbert Lehman and has led the efforts to address and resolve community issues for over five decades. Tilden's contributions to the community include improvements in healthcare, housing, education, social services, senior citizen needs, crime prevention, transportation and landmark designation.

The local reform Democratic club of the 74th Assembly District, the Tilden club is named after Samuel J. Tilden, Governor of New York from 1875–1876. During his ten years as state party chairman from 1865–1875, Mr. Tilden made history by successfully leading the overthrow of the Tammany Hall Boss Tweed. As the Democratic Party's candidate for President of the United States in 1876, he became the first candidate to win the popular vote but lose the Electoral College vote, and the election. Mr. Tilden's legacy of community activism and reform is reflected in the Tilden club.

Tilden serves its community and its members by facilitating open communication between constituents and their representatives in government. Tilden hosts forums where constituents meet and are able to speak with their elected officials and political candidates. As a result, the residents of the district are given an opportunity to directly voice their concerns about their state and government to those who serve it.

In addition to these activities, Tilden spearheads community service projects including annual street fairs, the proceeds of which are donated to community groups, hospitals, hospices, senior support groups, charities and social service organizations. Their annual "Toys for Tots" drive provides needy children with toys throughout New York City. Further, Tilden hosts an annual celebration honoring community and political heroes, recognizing those men and women whose efforts have made a difference in the community. Through all its efforts, Tilden focuses on improving the quality of life in our community, just as Governor Tilden worked to accomplish over a century ago.

The dedication and enthusiasm of the many members and friends of Tilden have made it an extraordinary and invaluable community organization. Over the last 50 years, Tilden has helped shape the development of the community, advocating for and preserving the quality of life for residents and families of the east side of Manhattan.

In recognition of these outstanding contributions, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN H. WEAVER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan H. Weaver, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 2 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 30 merit badges. Additionally, Jonathan has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as troop guide and junior assistant scout master. Jonathan also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the Silent Canoe and the Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jonathan repaired and refurbished the deck and porch of the local women's and children's shelter.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan H. Weaver for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DR. FRANK PINKARD, JR. AND KATHI MARTIN-PINKARD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Doctor Frank Pinkard, Jr. and the marvelous First Lady Mrs. Kathi Martin-Pinkard of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church for their lifetime of ministry and community service. They have served as champions of faith and love for their congregation at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, California for 18 years.

Pastor Pinkard began his higher education at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, where he received his B.A. A self-reliant over-achiever, he then completed a three-year seminary program in just two years at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California, earning his Master's of Divinity. He then went on to receive a Doctrine of Divinity from the Urban Black Study Center in Affiliation with the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley. Kathi Martin-Pinkard is also a source of joy and endless compassion. Together they have changed the lives of many people for the better.

Pastor Pinkard has demonstrated leadership skills which have established his reputation in national and international religious circles, as well as the political realm. Among his other roles, Pastor Pinkard has served as President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of the East Bay, President of the Baptist Ministers Union of Oakland and surrounding vicinity, Moderator of the Oakland Council Churches, First Vice President of the United California Baptist State Convention, President of the Board of Directors for the African-American Church Health and Economic Services (ACHES), President of the St. Luke's Society, Moderator of the Mt. Zion District Association, and Executive Secretary of the Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. His service to the community is just as impressive: Administrative Assistant to the late Assemblyman John J. Miller, Commissioner for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency in Alameda, and Member of the Alameda County Grand Jury. Between January 1993 and April 1996, Pastor Pinkard three times received a special invitation to the White House by President William J. Clinton. In 1996, he served as a member of the National Committee of the Re-Election of the President.

Reverend Pinkard is first and foremost a Pastor. For thirteen years he was Pastor of the Faith United Presbyterian Church of Oakland, where he oversaw the construction of a new worship facility. He then went on to become the Association Executive of the Presbytery of San Francisco. On Tuesday, April 9, 1985, he was called by the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church to become their Pastor, succeeding his late Pastor and Organizer, Dr. J.L. Richard. For the past eighteen years Pastor Pinkard and First Lady Kathi Martin-

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